

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But the airing of an anti-candidate program, whether it be Democrat or Republican, is not in the best interest of the general public or our democracy. Just because a few large companies control the airwaves does not give them the right to try to influence an election in this manner.

I urge you to stop Sinclair Broadcasting from going thru with this illegal action.

Sinclair's behavior demonstrates why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard.

Sincerely,

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